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The House met at 12:30 p.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. CULBERSON).

DESIGNATION OF SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:

WASHINGTON, DC,
November 12, 2002.

I hereby appoint the Honorable JOHN ABNEY CULBERSON to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

J. DENNIS HASTERT,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

MORNING HOUR DEBATES

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the order of the House of January 23, 2002, the Chair will now recognize Members from lists submitted by the majority and minority leaders for morning hour debates. The Chair will alternate recognition between the parties, with each party limited to not to exceed 30 minutes, and each Member, except the majority leader, the minority leader, or the minority whip, limited to not to exceed 5 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Minnesota (Mr. RAMSTAD) for 5 minutes.

TRIBUTE TO SENATOR PAUL AND SHEILA WELLSTONE

Mr. RAMSTAD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Senator PAUL WELLSTONE and his wife, Sheila Wellstone. As we all know, the Wellstones perished in a tragic plane crash, along with their daughter Marcia, three staff members and two pilots on October 25, 2002.

It has been 18 days since that terrible day, and I am still overwhelmed by sadness at the tragic death of our dear friends whose plane went down in a northern Minnesota wetland near Eveleth.

I continue to join all Minnesotans in mourning our great loss. Minnesota has lost two compassionate and caring public servants. Both PAUL and Sheila will be sorely missed by all of us who knew and loved them.

As the Wellstones' son, David, said, "The words that come to mind about my dad are integrity, passion, fairness and intensity. When the going got rough, there was no one else you wanted in your corner." And about his mother, Sheila, David Wellstone said, "The words that come to mind are selfless, caring, loving, tenacious, proud and strong. She gave of herself like you would not believe."

Mr. Speaker, we all know that nobody fought harder or with greater passion for the underdog than PAUL and Sheila WELLSTONE. Senator WELLSTONE

dedicated his life to serving others, and he was a tireless advocate for people in need. PAUL WELLSTONE was a person of absolute integrity and was often willing to "go it alone" to stand up for what he believed was right.

Sheila Wellstone was a true champion for battered women and their families, and I was privileged to work with her on many important causes like the Violence Against Women Act and securing funding for Cornerstone, an emergency shelter for women and their children who are victims of domestic violence in the Twin Cities of Minnesota.

Senator WELLSTONE's best friend, Rick Kahn of Minnetonka, tells how PAUL used to say to him, "It is not enough to cling to principles, no matter how noble they may be, unless we are truly willing to risk everything."

While Senator WELLSTONE and I had our disagreements on many policy issues, there is no disagreeing that I lost my partner in the fight for people with chemical addiction. I will always, always be grateful to Senator WELLSTONE for his tireless and principled efforts to provide chemical dependency treatment for more Americans, and PAUL WELLSTONE was the Senate sponsor of our legislation to provide parity for chemical dependency treatment.

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